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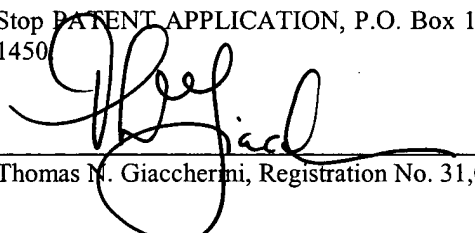
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.10 and 1.53, please accept the enclosed Continuation-in-Part Patent Application entitled *In Orbit Space Transportation & Recovery System*. The Applicants submit this Continuation-in-Part Application after receiving a Notice of Allowance dated 25 September 2003 for a Previous Pending Application, U.S.S.N. 10/298,138. The time period for paying the Issue Fee for the Previous Pending Application will expire on 26 December 2003.



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### Contents of Patent Application

This Transmittal Letter is accompanied by a Continuation-in-Part Patent Application which includes:

49 Pages of Specification plus a title page including:  
102 Total Claims including  
3 Independent Claims and  
99 Dependent Claims; and  
16 Sheets of Drawings.

No Assignments, combined Declarations & Powers of Attorney are submitted at this time. No filing fee is submitted, nor is the Commissioner authorized to charge any fees to any deposit account. The Applicants intend to pay all fees connected with the filing of this Application when missing parts are submitted to the Patent Office.

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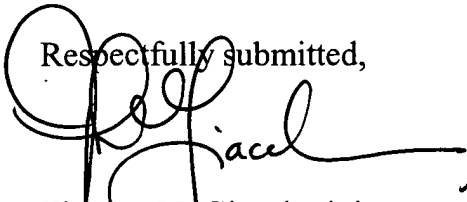
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Filing Fee					\$ 770
Total Claims	102	20	82	\$ 18	\$ 1476
Independent Claims	3	3	0	\$ 86	
Multiple Dep. Claims	0	0	0	\$290	
SUBTOTAL					\$ 2246
50% Small Entity Reduction					\$ 1123
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>					<b>\$ 1123</b>

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Respectfully submitted,

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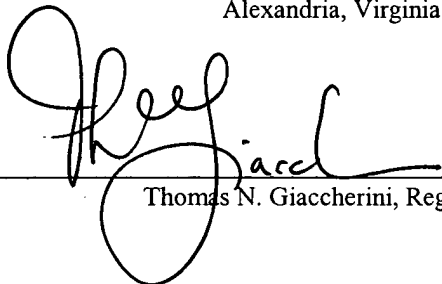
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